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Hordichuk trained MMA for NHL

Baby, baby ... Bieber at GM Place in fall

WORLD TOUR Teen sensation Justin Bieber is headed to Vancouver this fall.

Bieber

The 16-year-old Ontario-born singer became an international star after releasing hit singles Baby and Somebody to Love. He's also known for often being a trending topic on Twitter and for drawing crowds of screaming teenage girls to his appearances.

Bieber's My World Tour stops at GM Place Oct. 19.

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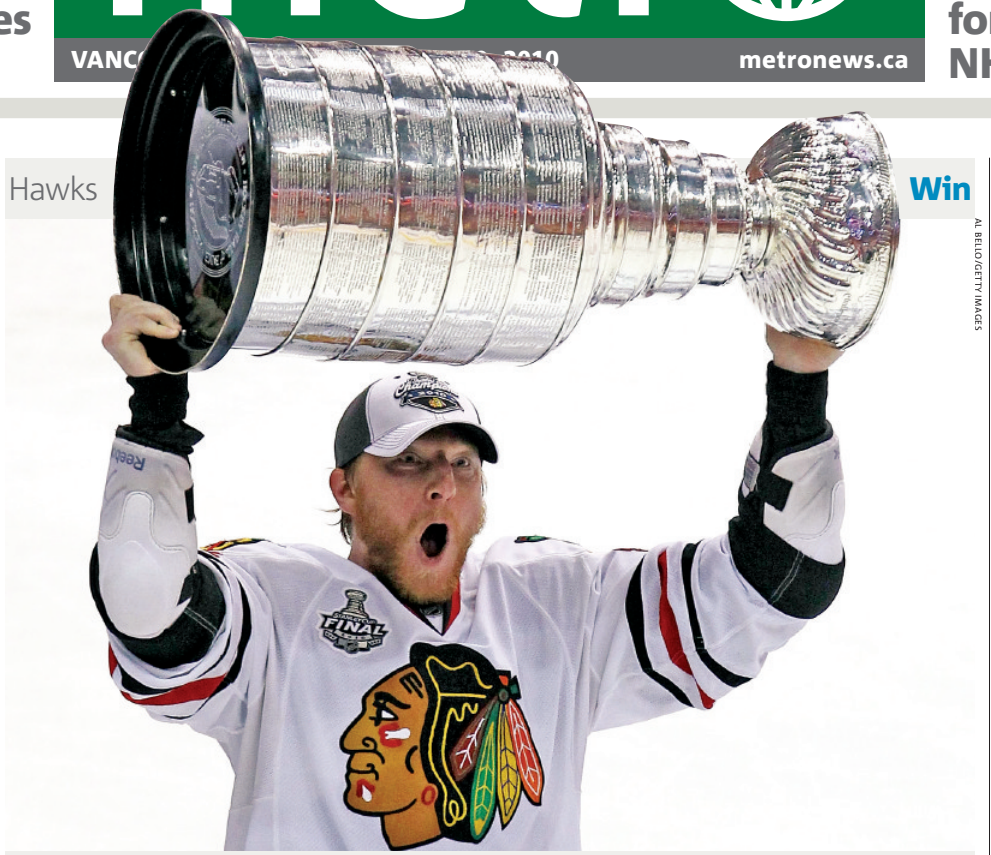

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Marian Hossa hoists the Stanley Cup after Patrick Kane scored the game-winning goal in overtime to help the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 last night in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final. Story, page 20.

Students get $30 U-Pass

Innovative campaign nets Vancouver-area transit deal

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B.C. will expand a popular universal transit pass to include all of the province's 439,000 post-secondary students, the premier announced yesterday in Vancouver.

Beginning in September, students at Lower Mainland institutions (except UBC and SFU) will pay $30 a month for a U-Pass.

The announcement follows an extensive lobbying campaign by students that ran the gamut from baked goods to YouTube videos.

"We knew we'd have to do something different to get the attention of government," said Nimmi Takkar, B.C. chair of the Canadian Federation of Students.

"We wanted to have a really positive campaign that gave government an opportunity to hear us and make things better."

The OnePassNow campaign included a music video on YouTube, a Facebook page and a Twitter account. A large pink cake was even baked for Premier Gordon Campbell and Transportation Minister Shirley Bond.

"Students used the things that they were most comfortable with," said Bond, who had chocolate U-Passes delivered to her office.

"I think it's appropriate when it's done in a creative and thoughtful way."

Students at UBC and SFU currently pay less than $30, and will move to the new rate in September 2011.

Other schools that already have a U-Pass, like Capilano University where students pay $38 a month, will see the cost of their U-pass decreased this September to $30.

Support to 2013

- The province is spending $20 million to support the U-Pass through 2013.

Beautiful game set to explode

WORLD CUP Vancouver soccer fans might want to go to bed early tonight as the 2010 World Cup kicks off early tomorrow.

After the opening ceremonies at 6 a.m., host nation South Africa takes on Mexico to open soccer's greatest showcase one hour later.

The second Group A match, at 11:30 a.m., sees Uruguay take on France — two former champions that just barely made it to the tournament after each won a playoff game to qualify.

For Metro Vancouver's FIFA World Cup preview, including a list of local places to watch games from, *see pages 15-19*.

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Manisha and **Sudhir Bagde** chose to come to Canada in spite of being told by a former neighbour from Mumbai that things weren't too encouraging here right now.

Their gung-ho attitude and positive thinking underlines every statement they make.

"We came here to provide a better future for our kids. I am convinced that we will make it in Canada," says Sudhir.

An architect trained with a Master's from JJ College of Architecture, Mumbai, Sudhir was Vice-President of a very well-known construction group. He researched job opportunities in Canada and had lined up a confirmed job in Halifax before moving.

"An agent responded to my online application; we had several discussions over the phone. After a few interviews with the HR people at the firm, I had my first job offer. Unfortunately, the project was shelved, but nobody's to blame for it," says an ever-positive Sudhir." I gained interview opportunities and experience in the process. They say they will contact me when the project gets off the ground."

Manisha, with a Masters in Fine Arts also from JJ School of Arts, ran her own design studio in Mumbai. In Toronto, she is enjoying the weather. She feels absolutely at home and finds Canadians very welcoming.

"Right now both of us are looking for jobs, but things will fall into place soon," she says confidently.

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Pankaj Mehra, Director India and South Asia Markets at Scotiabank, tells the Bagdes, "Water finds its own level. Your positive energy is bound to be reflected in every interaction of yours."

Manisha seizes the word positive. "Everyone here is so positive! We went to Scotiabank and we felt we were with people who cared and would help."

Sudhir had met a Scotiabank representative in Mumbai who told him about the **Scotiabank *StartRight*®** Program for newcomers to Canada and the bank's partnership with HDFC Bank in India.

"I said, 'Good idea!'" laughs Sudhir. "The banking formalities were all completed while I was in India. I had an account in Canada the day I landed." A minor glitch was soon ironed out. The Bagdes had opened a joint account, but Manisha stayed back in India for their daughter to complete her school exams and joined Sudhir a few weeks later.

"Pankaj helped me sort things out. **Intesar Khan**, the Branch Manager at the time at Highway 10 and Ray Lawson in Brampton, opened a new account for me that I could operate until Manisha joined me."

> "Everyone at Scotiabank is so positive and helpful."

"Scotiabank is committed to helping newcomers to Canada settle in well," says **Rania Llewellyn**, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking. "Newcomers like the Bagdes are such an asset to the country."

The Bagdes admit to wondering how their new neighbours would be and if the kids would settle in. Happily, they have positive things to report on both fronts. Their daughter **Kruti**, 17, stayed in touch with friends in India by e-mail while exploring her new neighbourhood over the summer holidays. Their son **Kalpak**, 12, is immersed in books he brings home from the Mississauga Public Library.

Sudhir has now become a Certified Project Manager (PMP) and working towards LEED accreditation, while extensively networking with professionals in his area.

He recounts an amusing incident. "I had to fill out a form and a lady asked me to spell my name. BAGDE, I said. BADGE, she wrote."

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Big spenders drop $34K on cognac

A couple returning to mainland China spent $34,000 last week on a bottle of French cognac at the duty-free shop at Vancouver International Airport. The rare bottle of Remy Martin Louis XIII Black Pearl, left, went on sale two years ago. It's one of 358 in the world, and was one of 15 in Canada. The Black Pearl is the most expensive bottle of liquor ever sold in B.C. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

DEATH A woman's body was found in a small bush area yesterday near a strip club in the Whalley area of Surrey, RCMP said. The death is being treated as suspicious.

SUSPECT RCMP in Vernon are warning a driver that she can run, but she can't hide. Mounties are confident they will find the woman who drove away, after watching in disbelief as she ignored emergency lights and marker cones on Tuesday to pile her car into a vehicle involved in an earlier wreck.

ARREST A 13-year-old boy has been arrested after a fire destroyed a marine repair shop and a hostel in downtown Gibsons. B.C. Sunshine Coast RCMP say witnesses said two youths were seen leaving the area of the June 4 fire. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Chuck Liddell works out at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver yesterday before his Saturday fight.

Lights-out training

UFC legend was a mentor to Canucks enforcer

CRAIG NIELSEN
for Metro Vancouver

Vancouver Canucks enforcer Darcy Hordichuk is tough by NHL standards, but by UFC standards he admits he has a long way to go.

Hordichuk was on hand to watch his buddy Chuck Liddell go through his workout yesterday at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver in preparation for UFC 115. Two summers ago, Hordichuk travelled to Liddell's gym in California to train with "the Iceman" — it was a huge eye-opener.

"I used to do a lot of medicine ball work around 20 to 25 pounds. You go to these guys' camps and the girls are training with 90-pound balls," he said.

Hordichuk was hoping to learn a little something from the UFC legend, and after he explained to Liddell and his trainer John Hackleman "you can't just kick their feet out and hit him with three or four elbows," they were able to get down to business.

So despite being "Liddell's punching bag," he improved his punching technique and brought it back to the NHL.

The UFC is very popular among NHL players, Hordichuk said. He and up to eight other Canucks will attend UFC 115 — some are even planning to fly in from out of town. Even though the Canucks are pro athletes themselves, the strength and athleticism are inspiring, especially for Hordichuk.

"I just want to pack half the punch Chuck Liddell does."

Hordichuk is picking his friend to win by knockout in the second round against Rich (Ace) Franklin at Saturday's main event.

Vancouver Canuck Darcy Hordichuk knocks down George Parros of the Anaheim ducks at the Honda Center April 2.

Craig Nielsen is the host of the MMA Report on the TEAM 1410.

Casino patrons robbed by armed phony police

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for Metro Vancouver

CRIME Don't be duped by a fake unmarked cop car in the vicinity of Lower Mainland casinos, Vancouver police said yesterday.

The public warning came in response to two recent targeted robberies, one of which took place yesterday at 1:30 a.m., and the other at 2 a.m. on May 24.

In both cases, a dark-coloured unmarked SUV with a blue flashing light inside it pursued the victims from the River Rock Casino in Richmond into the city of Vancouver.

When the victims pulled over, the suspects proceeded to rob them at gunpoint, police allege.

According to VPD Const. Lindsey Houghton, real unmarked police cars have both red and blue lights, flashing strobes, and a variety of lights within the vehicle.

The suspect SUV, which was described as a GMC Tahoe or similar type, is believed to have only one blue light.

"Anyone who may be leaving a casino late at night who feels they're being followed by a suspicious vehicle should call 911," said Houghton.

He added that 911 calls on a cellphone are permitted at all times, even while driving.

Teen who died in Capilano fall ignored warnings: RCMP

KYLE FARQUHARSON
for Metro Vancouver

BRIDGE The 17-year-old boy who fell to his death from a viewing platform near the Capilano Suspension Bridge on Sunday ignored cautionary signs, a verbal warning and a protective barrier, said North Vancouver RCMP yesterday.

Daniel Cho, of San Mateo, Calif., had been advised to stay within the barriers earlier that day, but did not heed the admonition, the RCMP added in a statement.

The rail that surrounds the viewing platform is about 1.2-metres tall.

The Mounties also noted that foul play has been ruled out in this case, and that the investigation is now in the hands of the B.C. Coroner's Office.

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Pre-trial centre officials violated Bacon's rights: Judge

COURTS Authorities at a pre-trial detention centre have violated the charter rights of purported gang leader Jamie Bacon, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Mark McEwan said yesterday.

In a written ruling, McEwan says authorities at the Surrey Pre-trial Centre have repeatedly violated Bacon's rights by basically acting as agents for police.

The judge denounces the warden for keeping Bacon in segregation for 23 hours a day, denying him visitors and limiting his access to legal counsel.

He's ordered the pre-trial centre to restore Bacon's visiting and phone privileges, ensure his access to counsel, and grant him privileges such as gym time available to other prisoners.

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Shatner joins salmon fight

Activists recruit Star Trek actor

Salmon activists have beamed up Captain Kirk to help protect British Columbia's wild salmon.

William Shatner, who played the iconic James T. Kirk on the original Star Trek series, has boldly ventured into a fight against salmon farmers on the Pacific coast.

This morning, he's taking part in a conference call organized by New Westminster–Coquitlam NDP MP Fin Donnelly. Also on the line with Shatner, who's phoning in from Los Angeles, will be marine biologist Alexandra Morton and Chief Bob Chamberlain, according to the NDP news release.

The call is meant to support a New Democrat bill that would force salmon farmers to move their operations to closed-containment tanks and away from coastal waters.

Salmon activists say the open-water farms attract sea lice that escape and latch onto wild salmon, killing younger fish.

Shatner reportedly agreed to speak out after receiving a call from Donnelly but has been a supporter of B.C. salmon for some time. He wrote a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper last year about fish farms in Northern B.C.

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Cascadian mayors push for rail line

TRANSIT The mayors of Vancouver, Seattle and Portland are pushing for high-speed rail between the three Cascadian cities.

The mayors have signed a protocol agreement to push for a high-speed rail link between B.C. and Oregon, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said in a statement.

"We need an organized, strategic approach to ensure we have a strong, united voice for the expansion of rail service along the key Pacific Northwest corridor," Robertson said.

The expansion, he added, would get more vehicles off the road, create economic opportunities and promote tourism.

The protocol agreement stemmed from a meeting in Vancouver of senior rail, government and business leaders, who discussed railway links and California's plan for a high-speed rail line between San Francisco and San Diego.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

B.C. RAIL Premier Gordon Campbell instructed a former government aide to leak confidential reports on the controversial sale of B.C. Rail, a defence lawyer alleged yesterday. The long-delayed trial was thrown into uncertainty Monday when the judge told jurors that it would last more than 10 months instead of the original six-week timetable. However, all 12 jurors are staying on.

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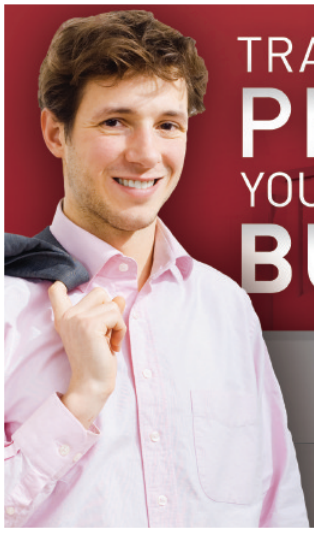

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Canada's wireless industry has been told by government officials it's possible cellphone signals will be jammed as a security precaution during the G8 and G20 summits this month. But it's believed signal jammers will be used only along motorcade routes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Merger? It's 'ridiculous'

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, left, and NDP chief Jack Layton are scoffing at a media report suggesting their parties are in "serious" negotiations about a merger. Ignatieff says the idea is "ridiculous." Layton calls it "fiction." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Unmasked: The secrets of autism

The secrets of autism were laid bare in a wide-ranging report yesterday.

The largest-ever attempt to compare the DNA of individuals with autism to people without the condition shows many rare genetic changes are involved in the disease.

The scientists behind the effort, published online yesterday by the journal Nature, said the work identifies dozens of new genes in autism.

The pattern that emerges is that the genetic causes of autism are likely far more complex than scientists would have hoped.

And it dashes hopes that a small number of genetic changes might be responsible for the condition.

Senior investigator Steve Scherer, a leading genetics expert at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, said: "Our research findings point to the fact that genetic variations that we discovered are actually rare in frequency, meaning most individuals with autism are probably genetically quite unique, each having their own genetic form of autism."

"Most individuals with autism are probably genetically quite unique."
Steve Scherer

He likened it to each individual having a genetic fingerprint for his or her own version of autism.

The study involved 1,500 families in North America and Europe.

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CFB Trenton **Tears for their fallen soldier**

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Family members pay their respects beside the casket of Sgt. Martin Rene Goudreault during a repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton yesterday. Goudreault, 35, was killed on Sunday by a roadside bomb southwest of Kandahar city.

Tories in financing fight

ELECTIONS The Conservative party is attempting to use the courts to subvert the will of Parliament on campaign financing, Elections Canada will argue today in the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

The appeal in a Toronto courtroom by the independent elections watchdog signals an odd reversal of the old conservative complaint about judge-made law.

"There's a lot of gaming that goes on with the rules, and that's clearly what's happening."
Robert MacDermid

But it is perhaps befitting of a topsy-turvy court case in which the Conservative Party of Canada fought and won the right to return almost $600,000 in rebates to the federal treasury.

The legal appeal is one of two currently underway that pit the Tories against Elections Canada over election financing.

"There's a lot of gaming that goes on with the rules, and that's clearly what's happening," said Robert MacDermid, an expert in political financing who teaches at York University in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Russian bear leaving its cave?

ARCTIC Canada denounced it as a stunt when Russia planted its flag under the North Pole in 2007.

But it was all smiles in Norway this week when Northern Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl met the man who piloted the flag-planting sub. Strahl says Arthur Chilingarov asked him to go to Russia to discuss Arctic issues, which he calls a sign the bear is crawling out of its cave.

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Open season on Canada geese in B.C. town

Councillors in Penticton, B.C. have declared open season on Canada geese in hopes of controlling increasingly large flocks. Shooting will also be restricted to city farmland and prohibited in area parks or beaches. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Military grabbing key docs

Paperwork on detainees currently housed in Kandahar

The Canadian military has started collecting paperwork stashed inside metal shipping containers at Kandahar Airfield that could shed light on whether its commanders turned over detainees to Afghan authorities without weighing the risk of torture.

A military team of four has arrived at the base from Canada to complete the arduous task of retrieving thousands of highly sensitive documents that detail the transfer of detainees from Canadian custody.

"It's not a document hunt," Lt.-Col. Shane Gifford, who is responsible for detainee files at the base, told The Canadian Press.

"We know where all the documents are. It's not looking for something that fell behind the chairs or something."

"It's not a document hunt. ... We know where all the documents are."
Lt.-Col. Shane Gifford

The files are the subject of intense controversy in Canada. The Military Police Complaints Commission, an independent federal body, has asked the Department of National Defence to disclose all documents on detainees, including detainee transfer orders in Kandahar.

But the federal government says those files are beyond the commission's mandate and is trying to prevent their release.

Two weeks ago, lawyers for the Justice Department filed an application with the Federal Court that seeks to overrule the commission's request.

Military officials in Kandahar said the application has not stalled the retrieval of the documents.

Canada's military police unit on the base holds about 650 detainee files.

The rest are held by the intelligence unit, the provincial reconstruction team at Camp Nathan Smith in Kandahar city and Gifford's office.

The team collecting and cataloguing the documents is expected to have them in hand and ready to be shipped to Ottawa in about a month, Gifford said.

"The goal is 30 days," he said.

"If I had to go back and say, 'It's going to take me three more days to do it,' is the world going to fall apart? No."

Gifford said the team is rifling through sea cans and file folders to determine which files need to stay at the base and be scanned and which can be taken as original copies.

The existence of the documents became publicly known in April during a Military Police Complaints Commission hearing into the Afghan detainee controversy.

Discussions between the Conservatives and opposition parties continue in an effort to reach a settlement on providing access to detainee records to a select number of MPs.

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Norway **And the winner is...**

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Historian Natalie Zemon Davis, right, a professor at the University of Toronto, accepted Norway's 4.5 million kroner ($584,000) Holberg Prize yesterday for her narrative approach to history. The Holberg Prize was created in 2003 by the Norwegian government to honour work in the humanities, social sciences, law and theology.

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Budget passes with tacit support from federal Libs

POLITICS Stephen Harper's minority Conservative government has passed its fifth consecutive federal budget with the tacit support of the Liberal opposition.

The 2010 budget bill sailed through the House of Commons by a vote of 138-126 on Tuesday, with 30 Liberal MPs absent to ensure the budget survived — along with the government.

NDP and Bloc Quebecois members voted against the budget en masse.

The massive, 900-page piece of legislation now goes to the chamber of sober second thought, where Independent and Liberal senators are promising to give it a rougher ride.

The budget bill amends some five dozen laws, including giving the environment minister the power to bypass environmental assessments on major projects.

"Oil is still flowing into the Gulf of Mexico, yet the Liberals helped the Conservatives adopt a budget bill that hands responsibility for environmental assessments to the industry-friendly National Energy Board," NDP Leader Jack Layton said in a release following the vote.

Bloc MP Christiane Gagnon accused the prime minister of "short-circuiting debates and ... undermining the role and power of the public's representatives."

Ignatieff, too, recently called it a "dumpster bill" and "an abuse of power." But his party wasn't prepared to defeat or change the legislation for fear of an election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Much ado about ammonium nitrate

PURCHASE Toronto police say they have contacted a man who bought a large amount of a potential bomb-making fertilizer at a store not far from where the G20 summit will be held.

Police say the purchaser contacted the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team shortly after it released a composite sketch of the man to the public yesterday afternoon.

They say that the ammonium nitrate has been recovered from two addresses in Toronto. Police stress there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the purchase and that they do not expect to lay charges.

Earlier in the day, police had said the individual who made the purchase had falsely misrepresented himself as making the purchase on behalf of a local grower.

The man, believed to be in his late 50s or early 60s, bought the ammonium nitrate on May 26 at a farm-supply store in Lincoln, Ont., 100 kilometres from Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Plea for countries to sign on to cluster bomb ban

A global effort to ban cluster bombs has gained the signatures of 106 countries, but 70 more have yet to sign on with only weeks to go before the ban goes into effect on Aug. 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Hand-in-hand against oil disaster

In a grass-roots movement inspired by the 1980s Hands Across America human chain effort, beachgoers in 30 states and nearly a dozen countries plan to join hands this month to form symbolic barriers to protect the shoreline from oil spills. The Hands Across The Sand movement started in February in Florida, before the Deepwater Horizon oil rig disaster. On June 26, people will stand up and hold hands for 15 minutes to form human chains. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Making it up as they go along

Analysis shows BP's oil spill response contingency plan riddled with holes

Professor Peter Lutz is listed in BP's 2009 response plan for a Gulf of Mexico oil spill as a wildlife expert. He died in 2005.

Under the heading "sensitive biological resources," the plan lists marine mammals including walruses, sea otters, sea lions and seals. None lives anywhere near the Gulf.

The names and phone numbers of several Texas A&M University marine life specialists are wrong. So are the numbers for marine mammal stranding network offices in Louisiana and Florida, which no longer exist.

BP's 582-page regional spill plan for the Gulf, and its 52-page, site-specific plan for the Deepwater Horizon rig are riddled with omissions and glaring errors, according to an Associated Press analysis that details how BP officials have been essentially making it up as they go along.

The lengthy plans approved by the U.S. government last year before BP drilled its ill-fated well understate the dangers posed by an uncontrolled leak and overstate the company's preparedness.

"BP Exploration and Production Inc. has the capability to respond, to the maximum extent practicable, to a worst case discharge, or a substantial threat of such a discharge, resulting from the activities proposed in our Exploration Plan," the oil giant stated in its Deepwater Horizon plan.

Billy Nungesser, president of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, says there are "3,000 acres (of wetlands) where life as we know it is dead, and we continue to lose precious marshland every day."

There are other wildly false assumptions. BP's proposed method to calculate spill volume based on the darkness of the oil sheen is way off.

The internationally accepted formula would produce estimates 100 times higher.

The website listed by BP for Marine Spill Response Corp. — one of two firms that they rely on for equipment to clean a spill — links to a defunct Japanese-language page.

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Absurdities of BP's spill plan

- Beaches where oil washed up within weeks of a spill were supposed to be safe from contamination because BP promised it could marshal more than enough boats to scoop up all the oil before any deepwater spill could reach shore — a claim that in retrospect seems absurd.

India **Training day**

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Police officers perform exercises in Allahabad, India, yesterday. Since the Dantewada bus bombing massacre in May, police in India have stepped up training against terrorists.

Ground zero hotel officially opens

NEW YORK At rates from $199 US a night, guests at the new World Center Hotel can get as close to the hive of activity that is ground zero as it's possible to get without a hard hat. The 169-room hotel just south of the World Trade Center site celebrated its grand opening yesterday. But in what hotel executives call a soft opening, guests have been staying there for months as construction was completed floor by floor. Deena Mendlowitz, an improv performer from Cleveland, said after checking out that it was "phenomenal" to see the rebuilding firsthand. Mendlowitz said she visited New York in 2002 and the trade centre site was depressing then, just a year after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It's more hopeful now," she said. "It seems like they're reaching the next phase, which is great."

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Maybe he deserves a degree for effort? Man booted for allegedly duping Harvard accepted into Stanford.

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Netherlands continues Europe's swing to right

ELECTION The pro-business VVD party claimed victory in Dutch elections early Thursday, as voters in the Netherlands continued a Europe-wide shift to the political right and rewarded parties that pledged to cut government spending and discourage immigration.

"It appears as if for the first time in our history the VVD has become the largest party in the Netherlands," would-be prime minister Mark Rutte told chanting supporters in the seaside town of Scheveningen.

With 96.5 per cent of votes counted, Rutte's party led left-leaning Labor by 31 seats to 30 in the 150-seat parliament, a result that spelled possibly months of haggling between the two to fashion a coalition.

Voters also gave a major boost to the anti-Islam Freedom Party of Geert Wilders, which scored its best-ever finish with 24 seats.

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News in brief

FRANCE A judge has filed preliminary charges against an Algerian-born man after his companion was cited for wearing a head-to-toe Muslim veil at the wheel of her car. It later emerged the man was suspected of polygamy, with news reports suggesting he had four wives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stephany Flores, 21, was found dead in a hotel room on June 1.

Two girls, one sad fate

The FBI thought it was closing in on Joran Van der Sloot in the notorious Natalee Holloway missing-teenager case, and he was paid $25,000 in a sting operation. But when the agency delayed his arrest to help build a murder case, he took the money and headed for Peru, where authorities say he now has confessed to killing a different young woman.

The investigation of van der Sloot in the Alabama teenager's case simply was not far enough along to have had him arrested, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Birmingham, Alabama, said yesterday.

Federal law enforcement officials and a private investigator said the work on Holloway's disappearance was revived in April when van der Sloot reached out to someone close to Holloway's mother and requested $250,000 in exchange for disclosing the location of the young woman's body on the island of Aruba. He got the money, and the private investigator says he was taped saying he pushed her down, she hit her head, and she died.

The statement from the FBI and U.S. attorney's office said the law enforcement probe "was not sufficiently developed to bring charges prior to the time van der Sloot left Aruba." Aruba authorities have been frustrated in their efforts to prosecute van der Sloot because they have been unable to find her remains.

Van der Sloot has told investigators in Aruba that he left the 18-year-old Holloway on a beach, drunk. For years, he has denied involvement in her disappearance. He was the last person seen with Holloway before she vanished during a high school graduation trip to the Dutch Caribbean island on May 30, 2005.

He is now being held in Peru in connection with the May 30 killing of 21-year-old business student Stephany Flores, daughter of a Peruvian circus impresario and former race car driver. She was found beaten to death, her neck broken, in the 22-year-old Dutchman's hotel room.

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News in brief

BRAZIL A man in a remote fishing village in Brazil kept his daughter imprisoned for 12 years, raped her repeatedly and had seven children with her, police said yesterday. The man is also accused of abusing a young girl he had with his daughter. Police allege that Jose Agostinho Pereira, 54, kept his daughter, now 28, under virtual house arrest in a two-room, thatched-roof hut near a tiny fishing village in northeastern Brazil. Police said the children appeared to suffer from malnutrition and could barely communicate with others. Most were unclothed. The alleged abuse began when Pereira's wife left him in 1998, police said.

WISCONSIN An ailing con man pleaded guilty yesterday to killing a teenage couple in Wisconsin nearly 30 years ago and agreed to plead guilty to two murders in the state of Ohio he had earlier confessed to. Edward W. Edwards, 76, unexpectedly entered the guilty pleas during a hearing that was supposed to determine which jail he would live in while awaiting trial. His attorney, Jeffery De La Rosa, said Edwards didn't make the final decision on signing the deal until an hour before the hearing.

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Comment

Friendship underrated

Relating

Steve Collins

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Friendship gets less glory and attention than other relationships. It's too easy, too steady and self-supporting. Maybe it works too well to be taken seriously.

The "friend zone" is shorthand for the second-rate vortex for where love affairs lacking mutuality or sexual chemistry go to die.

Male friendship in particular is sold short. It's entirely expected for you to say you love your kids, your country, friggin' hockey, but say that you love your buddy and an adolescent snickering can still be heard (this would also be the response of many of my dearest friends to such a declaration, so fair is fair.)

The bond with a friend, which Ralph Waldo Emerson lauded both as "one before whom I may think aloud" and one with whom "you can afford to be stupid," is often trivialized with awful words like "bromance." "I love you" must be followed by the neutralizing "man," and ideally shouldn't be delivered before the third round of drinks.

There's none of this pussyfooting in Christopher Hitchens' new memoir, Hitch 22, excerpted in this month's Vanity Fair, which contains warm, funny words about his decades of friendship with Martin Amis, who himself says, "My friendship with the Hitch has always been perfectly cloudless. It is a love whose month is ever May."

No bromance this, though the magazine, perhaps embarrassed, sells it on the cover with the glib, juvenile cover line, "Hitchens (hearts) Martin Amis."

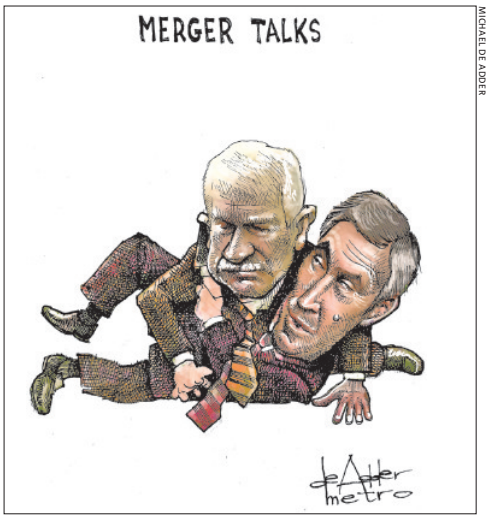
I've always been lucky with my friendships. Their quantity, quality and duration outstrip my due, not the least because I'm pretty rotten at keeping in touch. My emails are slow but sincere. My silences are unforgivably long.

But every reunion has a way of erasing the months or years that have passed. We pick up where we left off because we never really left off, and we can now burn each other all the better over retreating hair and spawning chins. (This ball-breaking is the beautiful thing they try to recreate, usually so horribly, with celebrity roasts. When real friends do it, it's actually stingingly funny.)

In June, as the summer's short supply of weekends begins to disappear into various commitments, I become, through the cruel limitations of time, an even less worthy, more diluted friend.

Visits with those whose schedules are the tightest, one stranded for long stretches in New Zealand, another serving in Afghanistan, get priority for practical reasons, but the triage is always insufficient. I'm always going to miss good times with my favourite people, and there's nothing to say about it but I love you (man.)

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.



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Letters

Ambassadors deserve respect, tolerance: DVBIA

Re: A mash-up of authority (June 4)

Mr. (Paul) Sullivan's disparaging and inflammatory comments about the Downtown Ambassadors are uncalled for and has incited verbal abuse by some towards this group of dedicated professionals.

Many former and current Ambassadors have been homeless themselves or battled with an addiction.

Each and every day these hard-working individuals are reaching out to the homeless to ask if they need assistance; referring them to shelters and places that offer free food and counselling; giving them warm clothes, blankets and food during cold weather; and have even saved the lives of a number of homeless people.

The Tribunal has heard the testimony from all of Pivot's and VANDU's witnesses. I urge all of you, before casting judgment, to listen to the witnesses that have been presenting testimony on the DVBIA's (Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association) behalf since Monday. They include representatives from social service providers that help those most in need within the downtown.

The DVBIA has a track record of working to solve homelessness by speaking out in favour of more shelters and supportive housing. We also provide work for the clients of United We Can, Family Services of Greater Vancouver and Coast Foundation — many of whom are marginalized and living with challenging life circumstances.

Please be tolerant and respectful of the Downtown Ambassadors now that you have a better understanding of who they are and what they do.

CHARLES GAUTHIER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Views

Open letter to women of Sex and the City

FourthWave

Canice Leung

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Dear Carrie, Samantha, Miranda and Charlotte,

We fell out of touch for a few years, shortly before Sex and the City bit the dust in 2004. We all got pretty busy — I know people can change in six years, but it's like I don't even know you anymore ... Flying off to Abu Dhabi, joking about Lawrence of my Labia, drunkenly karaoke singing "I Am Woman," and meeting locals who throw off their black abayas to reveal fabulous designer gowns underneath.

Really? In parts of the UAE, it's legal for men to beat their wives, and women have been charged with illegal sex after reporting rape! Being Woman in Abu Dhabi is no all-expenses paid trip for the average gal.

You aren't the self-assured, sometimes neurotic, sharp-tongued, emotionally sensitive New Yorkers I once knew. You've turned into a four-headed beast that spews crass stereotypes and it's time for an intervention.

I want you to remember who you once were; I want the old Carrie, Samantha, Miranda and Charlotte back.

You're collectively the **Sarah Jessica Parker, a.k.a. Carrie** Freudian four-way dissection of the modern, Western woman — the romantic, the nymph, the workaholic, and the insecure ditz — which is what endears you to all of us. You are us.

The show's not without problems; you live in demographically monochromatic upper class Manhattan, and your problems (men, where to have drinks, the lineup for weekend brunch) are definitely first world. It's not feminist, but it has surprised me.

Consider the era that ushered you in: The show launched alongside the careers of underage, oversexed pop starlets. While Dubya was waging his abstinence-only education program, you were crude but frank about the realities of female sexuality, aging, workaholism and the concept of beauty.

Sure, all of you at one point or another slept with the wrong guy, or forgot to use protection, but there were never recriminations that any of you were slutty, flawed, or bad. Seen in the context of its time, SATC was groundbreaking.

Like muscle cars, explosions, Clint Eastwood and Steve McQueen are to men, your world was ours to escape to, 40 minutes at a time. Can't we just go back to all that? I miss you girls, I really do.

Yours always, Canice

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.

Quotes of the Day

– "No one has any authorization to even discuss this matter. It's ridiculous." (Michael Ignatieff)

– "It's not a fusion, it's a fiction." (Jack Layton)

— LIBERAL LEADER MICHAEL IGNATIEFF AND NDP CHIEF JACK LAYTON, WHO BOTH SCOFFED AT A MEDIA REPORT YESTERDAY SUGGESTING THEIR PARTIES ARE DISCUSSING A MERGER. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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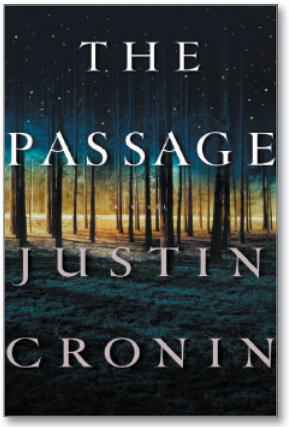

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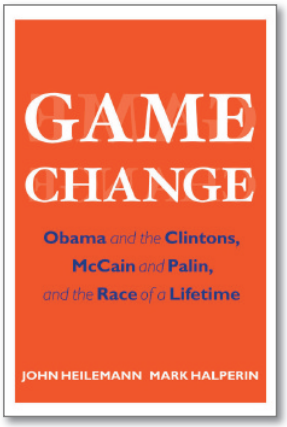

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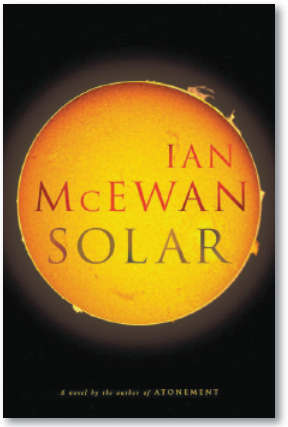

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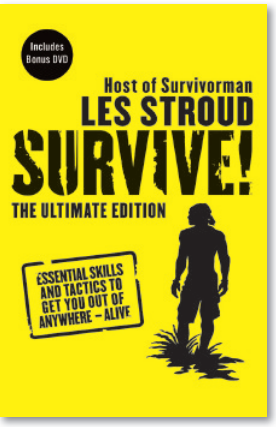

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Chinese bank looks to net record $20B in IPO

Plans for what may be the largest initial public stock offering in history passed a milestone yesterday as China's securities regulator approved Agricultural Bank of China's plans to sell over $20 billion US in shares. The Beijing-based bank serves over 350 million, mainly rural, customers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Oil output set to skyrocket

Canadian crude oil production will jump more than 50 per cent in the next 15 years, driven by expansion in the Alberta oilsands, according to a report released yesterday.

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) predicted that total crude oil production will grow from 2.8 million barrels a day this year to 4.3 million barrels a day by 2025. This growth will be led by the oilsands, which will contribute 3.5 million barrels a day by 2025, compared to 1.5 million barrels a day this year.

"Demand for Canadian crude [has] provided the foundation for several projects to return to active development," said Greg Stringham, vice-president of markets and oilsands at CAPP. THE CANADIAN PRESS

European crisis affects demand: OPEC

• OPEC says Europe's debt crisis and an oversupply of crude in the market are weighing heavily on oil demand in the second half of the year. In its latest monthly report released yesterday, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries held its world oil demand growth forecast largely unchanged at 940,000 barrels per day in 2010. The bloc, which supplies almost 35 per cent of the world's oil, says oil's recent price drop appears linked to Europe's debt crisis and a cooling in China's economic growth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jonathan Shaughnessy, assistant curator and co-ordinating curator of Pop Life at the National Gallery of Canada, stands in a room of works by artist Jeff Koons during a media tour preview of the Pop Life: Art in a Material World exhibit in Ottawa yesterday. The exhibit has various sexually explicit artistic pieces.

Financial sector complaints spike

CONSUMERS More complaints were filed by consumers against Canada's financial industry last year than ever recorded before, the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments reports.

The national dispute resolution service says it opened 900 cases in 2009, a 48 per cent increase over the previous year.

That's more than triple the number of cases filed over the last three years, the ombudsman says.

He notes that recently more filings have been made against the investment industry, instead of the banks.

The ombudsman's office can investigate complaints from clients of financial institutions, including banks, investment dealers and trust companies. Its services are free to consumers, and it can recommend compensation in amounts up to $350,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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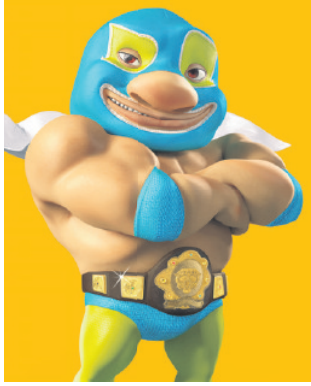

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Argentina's lineup seems set
Head coach Diego Maradona seems to have settled on starting strikers Carlos Tevez, Lionel Messi and Gonzalo Higuain for Argentina's World Cup opener against Nigeria on Sunday. Argentina is the favourite to win Group B, which also includes Greece and South Korea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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South Africa's time to shine

As World Cup arrives, nation revels in road from conflict to celebration

Soccer's stars have converged on South Africa from across the globe, but on the eve of the World Cup, it is the host nation — with all its flaws and all its wonders — that has seized the spotlight.

LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES
Local children play football in the Khayelitsha Township yesterday in Cape Town, South Africa.

Crime is rampant, in shantytowns and posh suburbs. An HIV-AIDS epidemic rages. Yet the welcome for the world — from Cape Town to Soweto — couldn't be warmer, or more proud.

Blaring their plastic trumpets, or "vuvuzelas," and displaying their multi-coloured flag on their cars and their homes and themselves, South Africans are embracing this historic moment. It's by far their boldest foray onto the world stage since Nelson Mandela formally ended the apartheid era by winning the presidency in 1994.

"It has unified all South Africa," said Irvin Khoza, chairman of the local organizing committee.

"It doesn't matter if you're black or white, or if you're close to the sport or not. Everybody in this country is wearing the flag."

The four-week, 32-team tournament opens Friday with South Africa's national squad — a longshot to bookmakers but a favourite to adoring local fans who call it Bafana Bafana — taking on Mexico at Soccer City, the 94,700-seat stadium rising amid old gold mines between Johannesburg and Soweto.

It will be the first time the world's most-watched sporting event is held in Africa, where soccer fever runs deep, and it takes place in a country that for decades was an international sports outcast, boycotted because of its racist policies.

Brazil and Spain are the favourites to win the title. Other popular teams, according to a worldwide survey released this week by Nielsen Media Research, include former champions Argentina, England and Germany — along with the United States, which was picked to win by 46 per cent of North Americans.

Even enigmatic North Korea is here, its unheralded and longshot team qualifying for a World Cup for the first time since 1966 amid a flare-up of tension with its neighbour and fellow tournament entry, South Korea.

"It doesn't matter if you're black or white, or if you're close to the sport or not. Everybody in this country is wearing the flag." Irvin Khoza, organizer in South Africa

A few top stars are absent due to injury, but England's Wayne Rooney is here, as is Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo. Argentina has arguably the world's best player, Lionel Messi, and the most flamboyant coach, Diego Maradona.

Estimates vary as to how many foreign visitors will come — perhaps 350,000 or 400,000. When ticket sales lagged last month, organizers made more of them available to South Africans, and now nearly all have been purchased.

The pervasive mood seems to be exhilaration. Under a canopy of helium balloons, a euphoric, multiracial crowd greeted the mostly black national team yesterday when it appeared in Sandton — the heart of Johannesburg's privileged white suburbs.

Young South Africans are thrilled. Their elders share the excitement, with extra perspective.

Simon "Ox" Malhangu, who played pro soccer in the 1970s with the Soweto-based Moroka Swallows, was among many world-class stars who never got to play official international matches for his country because of a sports boycott imposed to protest apartheid.

"To be honest with you, we never thought we'd host such a tournament of this magnitude in our lifetime," Mahlangu, 58, said in an interview. "We're counting ourselves lucky, as people now approaching their 60s, to be hosting such a great event." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coaches plan different paths to Cup glory

From dour Dunga to the downright eccentric Diego Maradona, the leading coaches at the World Cup are plotting different ways to win the title.

Brazil coach Dunga has upset millions of his countrymen by leaving big stars such as Ronaldinho, Alexandre Pato and Adriano out of a squad he believes needs stability to win a sixth World Cup.

One of the game's all-time greats, Maradona has stunned the soccer world by ignoring hugely experienced defenders Javier Zanetti and Esteban Cambiasso, who showed their top form by helping Inter Milan win the Champions League.

Dunga

England's Fabio Capello has a technique to get these stars to behave smartly and respectfully — even at their team hotel, where cellphones and flip-flops are banned in public and the players dine together as a team.

"Capello instils fear, like a severe dad," England striker Wayne Rooney said. "He has explained to us how to do everything. He has made us more of a squad. He has worked above all on the tactics, now we can change them every match." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Uruguay names starting team

Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez named his starting team yesterday for its World Cup opener against France. Defender Mauricio Victorino and midfielder Egidio Arevalo were the surprise picks for Friday's game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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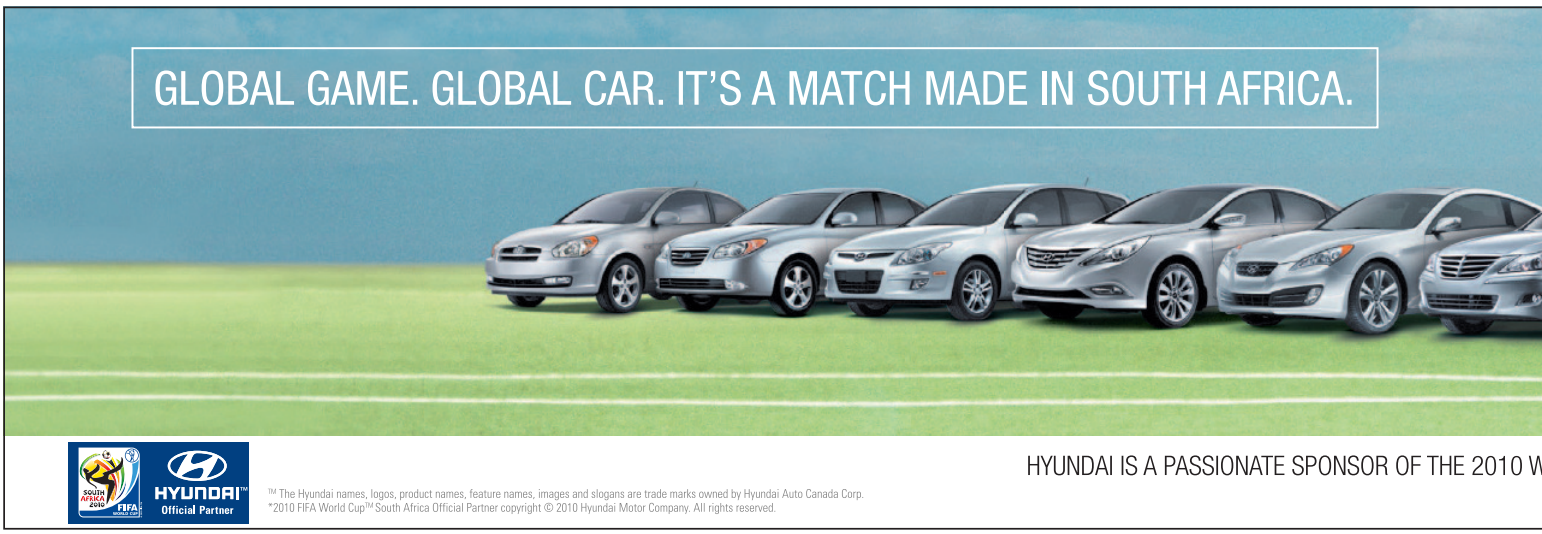
2010 WORLD CUP SCHEDULE

	GROUP MATCHES															ROUND OF 16					
	FRI JUNE 11	SAT JUNE 12	SUN JUNE 13	MON JUNE 14	TUE JUNE 15	WED JUNE 16	THU JUNE 17	FRI JUNE 18	SAT JUNE 19	SUN JUNE 20	MON JUNE 21	TUE JUNE 22	WED JUNE 23	THU JUNE 24	FRI JUNE 25	SAT JUNE 26	SUN JUNE 27	MON JUNE 28	TUE JUNE 29	WED JUNE 30	THU JULY 1
JOHANNESBURG Soccer City	16:00 RSA vs MEX			13:30 NED vs DEN			13:30 ARG vs KOR			20:30 BRA vs CIV			20:30 GHA vs GER				20:30 1B vs 2A (2)			REST DAYS	
JOHANNESBURG Ellis Park		16:00 ARG vs NGA			20:30 BRA vs PRK			16:00 SVN vs USA			20:30 ESP vs HON			16:00 SVK vs ITA				20:30 1G vs 2H (7)			
NELSPRUIT Mbombela						13:30 HON vs CHI				16:00 ITA vs NZL			20:30 AUS vs SRB		16:00 PRK vs CIV						
RUSTENBURG Royal Bafokeng		20:30 ENG vs USA			13:30 NZL vs SVK				16:00 GHA vs AUS			16:00 MEX vs URU		20:30 DEN vs JPN		20:30 1C vs 2D (3)					
BLOEMFONTEIN Free State				16:00 JPN vs CMR			16:00 GRE vs NGA			13:30 SVK vs PAR		16:00 FRA vs RSA			20:30 SUI vs HON		16:00 1D vs 2C (4)				
CAPE TOWN Green Point	20:30 URU vs FRA			20:30 ITA vs PAR				20:30 ENG vs ALG			13:30 POR vs PRK			20:30 CMR vs NED					20:30 1H vs 2G (8)		
DURBAN Durban			20:30 GER vs AUS			16:00 ESP vs SUI			13:30 NED vs JPN			20:30 NGA vs KOR			16:00 POR vs BRA			16:00 1E vs 2F (5)			
POLOKWANE Peter Mokaba			13:30 ALG vs SVN				20:30 FRA vs MEX					20:30 GRE vs ARG		16:00 PAR vs NZL							
PORT ELIZABETH N. Mandela Bay		13:30 KOR vs GRE			16:00 CIV vs POR			13:30 GER vs SRB			16:00 CHI vs SUI		16:00 SVN vs ENG			16:00 1A vs 2B (1)					
TSHWANE Loftus Versfeld			16:00 SRB vs GHA			20:30 RSA vs URU			20:30 CMR vs DEN				16:00 USA vs ALG		20:30 CHI vs ESP				16:00 1F vs 2E (6)		

Match times are listed at the local time in South Africa. Time conversions are as follows: Halifax (– 5 hours) • Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal (– 6 hours) • Calgary & Edmonton (– 8 hours) • Vancouver (– 9 hours). Example: A game listed at 4pm local time would start at 11am in Halifax, 10am in Toronto, 8am in Calgary and 7am in Vancouver.



Swiss captain hurts ankle

Swiss captain Alex Frei injured his right ankle in training yesterday only hours before the squad heads to South Africa for the World Cup. Video footage on news website 20min.ch shows the FC Basel forward being treated on the pitch before limping off at Zurich's Letzigrund stadium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GROUPS

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
South Africa (RSA)	Argentina (ARG)	England (ENG)	Germany (GER)	Netherlands (NED)	Italy (ITA)	Brazil (BRA)	Spain (ESP)
Mexico (MEX)	Nigeria (NGA)	USA (USA)	Australia (AUS)	Denmark (DEN)	Paraguay (PAR)	Korea DPR (PRK)	Switzerland (SUI)
Uruguay (URU)	Korea Rep. (KOR)	Algeria (ALG)	Serbia (SRB)	Japan (JPN)	New Zealand (NZL)	Ivory Coast (CIV)	Honduras (HON)
France (FRA)	Greece (GRE)	Slovenia (SVN)	Ghana (GHA)	Cameroon (CMR)	Slovakia (SVK)	Portugal (POR)	Chile (CHI)

QUARTER FINALS				SEMI FINALS				3/4 PLACE & FINAL	
FRI JULY 2	SAT JULY 3	SUN JULY 4	MON JULY 5	TUE JULY 6	WED JULY 7	THU JULY 8	FRI JULY 9	SAT JULY 10	SUN JULY 11
20:30 1 vs 3 (A)		REST DAYS				REST DAYS			20:30 Winner I vs Winner II
	20:30 6 vs 8 (D)								
	16:00 2 vs 4 (B)			20:30 A vs C (I)					
					20:30 B vs D (II)				
16:00 5 vs 7 (c)								20:30 Loser I vs Loser II	

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Portugal counting on Ronaldo goals

The World Cup provides a global showcase for soccer's greatest forwards, and if Cristiano Ronaldo wants to reach the status of Pele and Diego Maradona, he must do something he hasn't done for 16 months — score a goal for Portugal.

The tournament in South Africa needs stars like Ronaldo and Argentina's Lionel Messi to produce their skills on the sport's biggest stage, to thrill the billions of spectators watching games on television worldwide.

That means FIFA's 2008 world player of the year will have to break a goal drought stretching back to a friendly game in February 2009, when he scored from the penalty spot against Finland.

In competitive matches, he has not found the net for Portugal since the 2008 European Championship.

"It's not a problem," the Real Madrid player said before the tournament. "I'm saving myself for the World Cup."

The time to deliver on that promise has come as Portugal readies for its June 15 opener against Ivory Coast.

Ronaldo has the ability to set a game alight, which is why Real Madrid paid Manchester United $118 million US for him a year ago.

The Portuguese forward's electrifying bursts of pace, his spellbinding footwork and blistering right-foot shots — which Manchester United fans nicknamed "Ronny rockets" — have brought crowds to their feet at Old Trafford and the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Injuries, though, have unsettled Ronaldo's international career. He played in just seven of Portugal's 12 World Cup qualifying matches and, in some games, he was still recovering from injury.

In 73 appearances since his 2003 debut, Ronaldo has scored 22 goals.

Still, Portuguese fans grumble that his inability to reproduce his club form at international level is partly to blame for Portugal's recent below-par performances.

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Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal takes part in a friendly match against Mozambique Tuesday in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Italian coach doesn't believe his team is too old to repeat

CRITICS Marcello Lippi is getting tired of hearing that Italy's players are too old to win the World Cup again. And he doesn't appreciate the skepticism over his squad — even back home.

Lippi lashed out at Italy's critics at his first chance upon landing in South Africa yesterday, pleading to at least give the team a chance to prove itself.

"Yes, we have old players, but with age comes charisma and the experience of playing in big games. I think we have the right mix of young and old players," Lippi said. "We have nine players from 2006 — that's less than 50 per cent. I've never seen any team that wins the World Cup show up four years later with 23 new players.

While Lippi has kept the likes of 36-year-old Fabio Cannavaro and 33-year-olds Gianluca Zambrotta and Mauro Camoranesi, he has also brought three 23-year-old defenders — Salvatore Bocchetti, Leonardo Bonucci and Domenico Criscito.

28 The average age of the Italian squad is 28 years nine months. Ghana is the youngest team, with an average age of 24.

Still, the new players have not proved themselves yet and most analysts are picking Brazil, Spain, Argentina and England as the favourites, with the defending champion hardly ever mentioned.

Criticizing the national team has become a sort of national sport in Italy over the past few weeks.

"Whenever a World Cup comes around everyone wants to get in their say. Last time everyone joined in as we moved along, but this time we're not going to allow anyone to jump on the bandwagon," Lippi said.

With standout midfielder Andrea Pirlo likely to miss the entire group phase due to a left calf injury, Italy is without its most talented player.

"Single players don't win World Cups. Let's be clear. There are no longer any superstars in Italy, and it's not like anyone I left home would alter the skill aspect," added Lippi, who was criticized for not even considering talented but temperamental forwards Antonio Cassano and Mario Balotelli.

Lippi recalled that his team was very nervous before the 2006 opener with Ghana and didn't feel truly confident until its memorable extra-time win over Germany in the semifinals.

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World Cup Last-minute preparations

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Team Italy trains yesterday in Centurion, South Africa, ahead of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The tournament officially opens Friday with a match in Johannesburg between South Africa and Mexico.

Where to watch all the World Cup action

1) Forum Sports Bar (1163 Granville St., 604-605-1163, forumsportsbar.com)

Looking to make a good impression in its first FIFA World Cup experience, Forum will televise every match and feature jersey giveaways, 20 big screens, drink specials after 9 a.m., and the "friendliest staff in Vancouver."

2) Malone's Bar & Grill (608 West Pender St., 604-684-9977, malones.bc.ca)

Malone's boasts 10 42-inch screens, and will show all games throughout the World Cup. You'll find jersey and gear giveaways, well-priced drinks and a lively international crowd.

3) Red Card Sports Bar and Eatery (900 Seymour St., 604-689-4460, redcardsportsbar.ca)

Throughout the World Cup, Red Card will televise matches starting at 11 a.m., serve featured cocktails with eight national themes, a signature pizza and special breakfast items. For the semi-finals starting June 20, doors will open at 7 a.m.

4) The Vancouver Alpen Club (4875 Victoria Dr., 604-874-3811, vancouveralpenclub.ca)

The Vancouver Alpen Club is likely to fill up with vivacious German and Swiss delegations, so arrive early for seating, especially on days when those countries play. Deutsches Haus boasts fare from the German-speaking world, plenty of beer, and the "largest HD screen in Vancouver."

5) Falconetti's East Side Grill (1812 Commercial Dr., 604-251-7287, falconettis.com)

Commercial Drive is a safe bet for a fun time during the World Cup, and Falconetti's is one of the Drive's best-known establishments. CKNW radio will host its World Cup programming from here, and a patio and outdoor covered area allow you to enjoy the community ambience while taking in the matches.

6) Nando's Flame-Grilled Chicken (828 Davie St., nandoscanada.com)

Nando's has announced the opening of its new Davie and Howe franchise to coincide with a World Cup promotion at all its restaurants. From June 1 to July 11, all of Nando's restaurants will feature five country-themed meals through the week. Guests can also enter to win catering for 50 for their own World Cup party. Families welcome.

7) Soho Bar and Grill (1184 Denman St., 604-633-2722, sohobarandgrill.ca)

The "Headquarters for English soccer," Soho will televise all games at its locations in Vancouver and Burnaby, and feature Stella and Budweiser promotions.

8) The Academic Public House (1619 West Broadway, 604-733-4141)

Savour a full English breakfast plus a pint at the Academic during a special World Cup promotion. Work off those calories by cheering vociferously for your team.

9) 2010 World Cup Soccer Tent at Greek Day (West Broadway at Bayswater Street, between Mackenzie and Carnarvon)

The annual celebration of Hellenic culture will feature a World Cup viewing tent for the first time ever this year. Greece may not be considered a soccer superpower, but everybody loves a dark horse. You'll also find plenty of authentic Greek cuisine, fun and activities for the whole family along Broadway.

10) Joey Burrard (820 Burrard St., 604-683-5639, joeyrestaurants.com)

Joey has a slick bar, large-screen TVs, nutritious salads and bar-style food, a range of drinks and cocktails, and renowned desserts. All World Cup games will be televised here.

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Accuser tells police she didn't try to fight Roethlisberger

The college student who accused Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger of sexually assaulting her said she didn't try to fight him off because he appeared to anger easily. The accuser's interview is among more than 50 audio and video recordings released yesterday by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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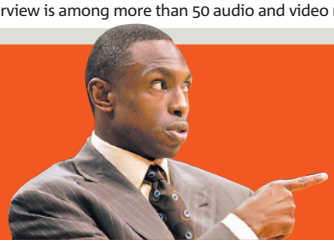

Johnson to coach Nets

Avery Johnson, left, says he has agreed to become the coach of the New Jersey Nets, the NBA's worst team. Johnson said in a text message to The Associated Press he thinks the Nets will announce the deal today. Nets president and general manager Rod Thorn did not immediately respond when asked to comment on Johnson's text. In an earlier e-mail to The Associated Press, he said he "will have something to say" Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kobe values friendship with Fisher

Lakers lead series 2-1

Lakers at **Celtics**

NBA Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher had a pretty productive relationship when they first came into the NBA together, winning three titles with the Los Angeles Lakers and forging a friendship that belied the differences in their personalities and their skills.

"It's not because our games are similar, it's not because of talent similarities or any of that," Fisher said yesterday after the Lakers practised for Game 4 of the NBA finals against the Boston Celtics, which goes tonight at 6 p.m.

"It's just that we've experienced a lot of good and bad things together. Because we've been through those fires, we're just comfortable relying on each other, and I think he knows and I know that if anything in the world happened, if there was one person that would stand up and say, 'I'm here for you,' you know, it would go both ways."

Fisher played the first eight years of his career with the Lakers, winning three titles in the Shaq-and-Kobe era before signing with Golden State as a free agent in 2004. It was only then that Bryant appreciated what kind of friend and teammate he had. "Fish and I, we've always been close, though I think when he left we became even closer, as weird as that seems," Bryant said. "It's kind of good to see him come full circle and be back here again." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicago's wait is over

Overtime goal gives Blackhawks first Cup since 1961

(Chicago wins series 4-2)

Blackhawks 4 **Flyers** 3 (OT)

There was no red light, just Blackhawks flying over the boards in celebration.

Sticks and helmets were thrown, scattered all over the ice and still no signal for a goal.

After a brief review, there was no dispute — the Chicago Blackhawks were the Stanley Cup champions.

Patrick Kane sneaked the puck past Michael Leighton 4:10 into overtime and stunned Philadelphia to lift the Blackhawks to a 4-3 overtime win in Game 6 last night for their first championship since 1961.

No one but the Blackhawks appeared to know what was going on for a few frozen moments. Kane and his linemates seemed the only players on the ice who knew the puck found the side of the net. The goal light never went on, but that didn't stop most of the Blackhawks from storming the ice and mobbing each other in celebration.

The review was short and Kane will go down as scoring one of the biggest winners in team history.

"I was just hoping to God it was just an actual goal," said captain Jonathan Toews, the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoff MVP. "They came back hard in the third and we just stuck with it."

Kane raised his arms right away and skated behind the net, knowing the goal was good. While the Flyers sat on the bench in stunned silence with confused looks, the Blackhawks began to celebrate in their own end around goaltender Antti Niemi.

"I knew it went in right away," Kane said. "What a feeling. I can't believe it. We just won the Stanley Cup. I can't believe this just happened ... It's something you dream about, scoring the final goal in the Stanley Cup finals."

Before reaching the group hug, Kane stooped to pick up some loose ice shavings — looking like a mischievous kid on Christmas ready to throw a snowball in the backyard.

"There's so many great things about winning a Stanley Cup. This is it," Toews said. "This is the best feeling you can ever get. I just can't believe it's happened." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Chicago Blackhawks right-winger Patrick Kane jumps into the arms of goalie Antti Niemi last night after Kane scored the overtime winner to beat Philadelphia 4-3 and capture the Stanley Cup.

Sports in brief

NFL The NFL Players Association filed a complaint yesterday claiming the league deprived players of potential revenue when it re-negotiated its contracts with television networks. The complaint alleges the NFL structured the contracts so it would be guaranteed money even if there is a lockout in 2011 — while not maximizing revenue from other seasons when the league would have to share that income with players.

ESPN A former ESPN production assistant whose affair with broadcaster Steve Phillips led to their firings has filed a lawsuit against the sports network, saying it defamed her. The lawsuit by 23-year-old Brooke Hundley, filed Tuesday in Stamford Superior Court, says ESPN defamed her by firing her based on false statements by Phillips and by claiming she had not fully co-operated with its investigation.

NHL The Phoenix Coyotes say they have re-signed left-wing Scottie Upshall to a one-year contract. Terms of the contract were not disclosed yesterday. The 26-year-old Upshall had a career-high 18 goals and 14 assists in 49 games for Phoenix before sustaining a season-ending knee injury on Jan. 28 against Calgary.

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Izzo contacted by Cavaliers

Michigan State's Tom Izzo told his team he has talked to the Cleveland Cavaliers about their coaching vacancy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strasburg-mania heads to Cleveland

Strasburg-mania has hit the road.

With rookie sensation Stephen Strasburg set to make his second major league start in Cleveland, the Indians, ranked last overall in attendance, sold more than 3,000 tickets yesterday for Sunday's game against the 21-year-old, who struck out 14 in his dazzling debut.

The Washington Nationals confirmed Strasburg will start Sunday at Progressive Field. On Tuesday, he dominated the Pittsburgh Pirates for seven innings in a 5-2 win before a standing-room-only crowd of 40,315 in the U.S. capital.

His appearance is giving a much-needed attendance bump to the Indians, who are in last place in the AL Central and are only averaging 15,527 fans at home games.

The team has sold 4,300 tickets since last week, when it appeared Strasburg would face Cleveland in his second game.

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Wearing an Elvis wig, Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg is covered in shaving cream Tuesday night after the Nationals defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 in Strasburg's major league debut. Strasburg struck out 14 and picked up the win.

Strasburg's stop in Cleveland is expected to draw the Indians' second-largest crowd this season.

The Indians, who once had 455 consecutive home sellouts, were only sold out on opening day this season.

Their second-biggest crowd was 25,531 in the 43,000-seat ballpark.

"It's creating a fan buzz around baseball," Indians spokesman Bob DiBiasio said, adding the team will provide a further update on ticket sales later.

"It's something we're excited about, to be able to play host to the young man's first road start."

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Sports in brief

NHL The Tampa Bay Lighting plan to make a "major" announcement amid reports that Guy Boucher will become their next head coach. The former coach of the American Hockey League's Hamilton Bulldogs reportedly agreed to take over the Lightning after turning down the job with the Columbus Blue Jackets earlier this week.

CURLING From her selection as one of Canada's most beautiful people to an invitation to curl against men, Cheryl Bernard is amazed at what keeps coming around the corner at her after the Olympic Games. The latest is her team's inclusion in the $100,000 TSN Curling Skins Game next January in Rama, Ont. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The delicate cut of the Metal Lace Collection offers a classic appeal with a contemporary touch. The Metal Lace Square and Round Trays ($22) are all available in green, black and white. Urban Barn, urbanbarn.ca. More inside.

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Sunrise to Nightfall at Luma

Suite **Talk**

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for Metro Canada

A sleek new tower will soon cast its cool blue lights onto the vibrant Metrotown area, a modern 26-storey highrise illuminating the skyline in Burnaby's bustling centre.

Slated for completion in June/July 2011, Luma by Polygon Homes offers contemporary two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments presenting an attractive option for urbanites looking for more space.

"We've had a lot of sales in the last couple of months and the big draw that everyone says is the styling is great and its nice simple plans," says Luma's sales manager Pat Lok.

The sizes here are great, she adds, which range from 737 to 1,178 square feet in seven different floor plans. Residents also have private access to spacious amenities including a fully equipped fitness studio, social lounge and a landscaped garden courtyard.

The model suite for Luma by Polygon features the latest in contemporary design.

The building showcases the latest in contemporary design with floor-to-ceiling windows, gourmet kitchens, luxury ensuites and patios as well as high-end finishing like granite slab countertops, chrome fixtures and polished marble.

Modern conveniences are close to home with local boutiques, restaurants and theatres as well as the hundreds of shops and services in nearby Metrotown Centre.

Just minutes away from downtown by SkyTrain, Luma has been a good fit for many first-time home buyers and young professionals who work in Vancouver, the location within reach of entertainment, nightlife and all the action of city life.

"We wanted to create something very simple, very clean so we wanted a kind of modern elegance," Lok said.

The in-house designers chose understated tones in the interior, not to overpower the personal touches of homeowners with their furniture and decor, says Lok.

Suites come in two colour schemes — one is Sunrise, with warm tones of maple, and the second is Nightfall, the darker palette that was also chosen for the display.

"It's more of a charcoal grey and that one has been very popular. It looks almost like slate with the stainless steel appliances," Lok said.

Luma is on sale now and Lok says they're down to the final 10. Prices start at $398,800 and the sales and presentation centre is on site at 6688 Arcola St. in Burnaby.

"We have this blue LED light that runs down the building so If you're coming down Kingsway, you'll definitely pick out Luma. It's a real statement that we've made here."

The lowdown

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In your apartment: Install a window air conditioner. A small 10,000-15,000 unit will keep an area of 500-800 square feet cooled down. Use a floor standing fan to re-direct the cool air around the apartment. Check with your building management before purchasing and installing a window air conditioner as they may have regulations to follow.

Decorating ideas: Choose white blinds and/or a backing on drapes to reflect the sun's rays, and keep drapes closed when hot sun is pouring in; hang bamboo blinds outside to diffuse the hot sunlight that hits the windows.

In your townhouse: If you have central air conditioning, close the vents on the main floor to force more air upstairs. As cold air falls, the lower levels will cool down. Use ceiling fans on upper floors to draw air upwards and keeping the cool air from falling. Use your bathroom exhaust fan on top floors to draw out the hot air and pull cool air up.

Decorating ideas: Decorate using light and airy colours like grey, blue and white on upper floors where its always warmer; the cooler it looks the cooler you will feel. Keep all south facing blinds and drapes closed during the day when the sun is the hottest.

In your sprawled house: Use an attic fan to blow out hot air that has collected. Install air conditioners on south and east sides of the house; these are the two hottest areas. Plant tall shrubs and trees on the east and west side of the house to help diffuse the hot sun at the beginning and end of the day. Install awnings over the south-facing windows to cut the direct sun.

Decorating ideas: Use fabrics like cotton, linen and bamboo on furniture and bedding, tiled floors are cooler.

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Jacobs honoured at CFDAs

Marc Jacobs took home the big prize as the top talent in womenswear while a lifetime achievement award was presented to Michael Kors from Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour at the Council of Fashion Designers of America awards earlier this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Style

Posture-friendly footwear

Love your flip-flops but hate the back ache that sometimes follows their wear? Try OKA b.'s Shoes That Love You 2010 summer collection (shoesthatloveyou.com), featuring 100 per cent recyclable, waterproof footwear that offers ergonmic footbeds that guide arch support and promote good posture. The sandals come in a variety of colours and prints and are adorned with jewels, gemstones and/or flowers (all under $50). They also carry a new bridal line. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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High-fashion ambition

Top-earning Victoria's Secret model Doutzen Kroes likes her bread, body and bikini shoots

Doutzen Kroes might not fit the mould of a top model.

She's a jeans-and-T-shirt girl. She likes — and eats — bread. She wasn't discovered in a remote place by a famous scout or photographer. And at 25, she has curves that have kept her off a lot of high-fashion runways.

But somehow, none of that matters.

Kroes ranked No. 5 this year on the Forbes list of top-earning models. She's most recognized as a Victoria's Secret Angel, the brand's top tier of models, a spokeswoman for L'Oreal and the former face of Calvin Klein Eternity.

"My life has always been like I'm in a bubble and it's floating and it goes in the right direction," Kroes says. "I don't want to interrupt it."

It was Kroes, a Dutch native, who got the ball — or bubble — rolling. As a teenager, she saw a magazine photo of a model and she thought to herself, "She has beautiful hair, beautiful makeup, a beautiful dress, and I thought I'd like to look like that one day."

GETTY IMAGES

Doutzen Kroes (far right) attends Victoria's Secret Models Share Shopping Secrets Of A Supermodel event last month in Los Angeles with other supermodels.

Her sister took photos and Kroes sent them off to a modelling agency in Amsterdam, a place she rarely visited as a self-described "country girl." Kroes' passion until then had been competitive speed skating.

Other than her sister, no one knew about her new high-fashion ambition.

"I didn't tell anybody that I sent the pictures because I'd be embarrassed if I didn't get the job," she says.

Apparently she didn't need to worry with her long blond hair, blue eyes and Brigitte Bardot look. She relocated to New York within a year.

Kroes has a "modern style," describes L'Oreal's international general manager Vianney Derville, who also says the model is "blessed with an excellent sense of professionalism and a natural elegance."

On most days, you'll still find her in jeans, T-shirt and flat shoes, but she likes stepping it up for a night out. At last month's Costume Institute Gala Benefit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Kroes was the date of designer Zac Posen, wearing a princess-worthy blue gown that they collaborated on. For the Cannes Film Festival a few days later, she wore a glamorous Grecian-style gown with a plunging neckline by Roberto Cavalli.

Earlier this week, she presented the popular-vote award at the Council of Fashion Designers of America Hollywood-style awards show.

Kroes is outspoken about her feminine, curvy figure and how it's cost her jobs. She was a panellist for the CFDA's round-table discussion about too-skinny models and says she hasn't done as much runway work as she'd like because she doesn't always fit the sample size.

"I have to work really hard. My body — I have a voluptuous body. I am not one of those skinny girls. I like to enjoy life," she says.

Her shape has served her well when it comes to Victoria's Secret. Still, in the lead-up to the big Victoria's Secret runway show she'll temporarily give up the bread, cheese and chocolate that she loves.

"I am a totally healthy girl that eats but eats in moderation and I take care of myself." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montreal's Gagnon partners with Bedo

COLLABORATION Celebrated Canadian designer Denis Gagnon is joining forces with Bedo to create a special affordable collection for the Montreal retailer.

The collaboration sees the Montreal-based Gagnon and Bedo crafting a 30-piece collection stocked with everyday pieces, eveningwear and outerwear.

The line, Denis Gagnon pour Bedo, will include jersey dresses, draped tops, tuxedo pants, suit jackets, tanks, T-shirts, sweaters and wool coats among its wide array of pieces, which range in price from $30 to $300.

"What a great opportunity to create and refine the essential elements of a woman's wardrobe," Gagnon said in a statement. "We've made a full, versatile line of clothing that takes clients from the cafe and the office to the theatre and dinner club."

Bedo's founding president Peter Nasri said the retailer's collaboration with Gagnon is a "concrete way to move Canadian talent forward."

"This kind of partnership contributes to the local design scene and local economy by exposing a talented designer like Denis Gagnon to a wider audience," Nasri said in a statement.

The fall 2010 collection will be available beginning Aug. 26 in 14 Bedo stores across the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Designer Denis Gagnon.

IT'S FLUID!

Ethereal summer style create a gentle yet elegant mood

Watercolour Be regatta-ready with this chic Sur les Rives du Léman vintage silk-twill scarf ($375, at Hermès stores across Canada).

Float on Plan a dreamy poolside escape in this draped, one-shouldered bandeau bikini by Zimmermann ($195, at net-a-porter.com).

Fresh start Watery violet and aquatic notes are softly twined in Davidoff Cool Water Woman Ice Fresh Eau de Toilette Spray ($59 for 100 mL, at drugstores and department stores).

Ripple effect Pandora's Liquid Silver collection was inspired by the shapes that light and energy create on water ($115 to $425, pandora.net).

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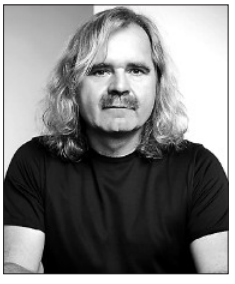

With a slew of German socialites, celebrities and Spanish hottie Mónica Cruz lounging around him, Thomas Sabo is clearly in his element. And why not? The Austria-born, Germany-based jewellery designer is sipping champagne at a party in Munich to celebrate the launch of his second collection of watches (called Time for Adventures). The timepieces — which range from ultra-delicate to mega-bling — are a chic addition to Sabo's successful jewellery collections ($269 to $1,498, thomassabo.com).

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More MMVA presenters announced

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse stars Kellan Lutz, Ashley Greene, and Xavier Samuel will take a bite out of the MuchMusic Video Awards. They will hand out awards at the show, taking place Sunday, June 20. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Glee gig

TVGuide.com is reporting that John Stamos — who played a singer on Full House — will appear as a recurring character on the second season of Glee.

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Christina makes trashy return

Christina **Aguilera**

Album: Bionic
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●●

THE "DIRRRTY" GIRL takes four years off to learn how to become a homebody wife and a nurturing mother, only to return to the recording studio to lay down trashy dance club hedonism like Sex For Breakfast, Morning Dessert, Elastic Love and a particularly flesh-filled track called Desnudate. These are fine for what they are, but isn't it time to leave the skank to young yelpers like Ke$ha? Christina's been there, done that. She's got a huge voice — as she proves here on one or two tracks here, most notably Lift Me Up. Maybe she should try putting that voice to better use.

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Grace Potter and the Nocturnals

Album: The Grand Bounce
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●½

FINALLY, A FRESH voice that sings real rock 'n' roll. Forged in the patchouli pyres of the Vermont jamband scene, Grace Potter's vocal delivery is all about the kind of free-flying, eye-popping energy that set San Francisco afire in the '60s. And she's put together the perfect band to back her. No synths here, just plenty of old-style blues rock guitar to complement Potter's searing voice and keyboards. Comparisons, of course, will be made to Joplin. Not quite yet, but we're getting there.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Gord Downie and the Country Miracles

Album: The Grand Bounce
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●½

THIS IS A Gord Downie record that Tragically Hip fans will love. There's little of the mad-poet indulgences that dominated Downie's two previous efforts. This is an album full of attention-getting guitar riffs and accessible, if not-always comprehensible, lyrics. There's plenty of interesting vocal interplay with Julie Doiron throughout, and only occasionally does Downie slide into self indulgence (closing track Pinned, in particular). This entire project could have easily been the next Hip album. But if Downie needs some new faces to keep the creative flame alive, that's fine too.

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Holmes, Radcliffe among Tony presenters

Katie Holmes, Daniel Radcliffe and Will Smith will be among the presenters at the 64th Annual Tony Awards, it was announced yesterday. The 2010 Tony Awards will air live Sunday night from Radio City Music Hall on CBS. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rush drummer Neil Peart is seen here in all his percussive glory. The documentary Rush: Beyond The Lighted Stage screens today.

Humour heart of Rush

Rush: Beyond The Lighted Stage

Directors: Sam Dunn, Scott McFadyen
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

KAREN BLISS
for Metro Canada

Forty years in the same rock band and there's not an overdose, trashed hotel room or groupie scandal to speak of?

How on earth would directors Scot McFadyen and Sam Dunn make a film about Rush interesting to those who can't recite the lyrics to 2112? Is there something here beyond a typical rock doc? The answer, surprisingly, is yes.

The story doesn't start with the Toronto band's first album in 1974, but goes back to its members' upbringing, schooling, and motivation.

It's about three teenagers — one the son of Holocaust survivors, another of Yugoslavian immigrants — who were fiercely committed to music. All of them — singer-bassist-keyboardist Geddy Lee, guitarist Alex Lifeson and drummer Neil Peart knew what they wanted to do in life — rock out. And not in a slacker, excuse-to-avoid-adult-responsibilities way.

Through rare early footage of Rush playing high schools to "overreaching" sessions in the studio and more current live clips, one sees that Rush never wavered from this pursuit of musical excellence. The trio's progressive hard rock and cerebral lyrics with words you'd sometimes have to look up won millions of dedicated fans.

For the film, Trent Reznor, Billy Corgan, Jack Black, Foo Fighters' Taylor Hawkins, Metallica's Kirk Hammett and others gladly spoke of their love for the band, often quoting musical and lyrical passages. Black declares the members "not even human" at one point.

But despite the seriousness of Rush's music and work ethic, the film is filled with humour. The band members crack joke throughout, from their so-called Down The Tubes tour early in their career to their fashion choices (i.e. Lee's Asian robe phase).

It's the funny stuff that gives a glimpse into their personalities, how they have stayed together all this time, and why Beyond The Lighted Stage is not just a story about musicians.

Screen times

- Rush: Beyond The Lighted Stage screens today 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at Tinseltown.

Crunk up the volume

About five years ago, Lil Jon had a rocking vision for his next album, Crunk Rock.

The disc is still called that — but don't expect to hear endless electric guitar riffs over thumping drums.

Jon says the new album, out this week, went through many phases. Instead of producing the album himself, he recruited the likes of David Guetta, Stephen Marley, Drumma Boy and Dr. Luke. That added a new sound to the CD — including Euro-flavoured dance grooves and what he calls Bolly-funk.

Q You usually produce your own albums, so was it hard to have some of that control in another's hands?

A It was kind of way easier, because everybody I worked with knew my music and knew my production and they gave me a lot of respect.

And we just kind of collaborated until we both got what we liked.

Q Lil Wayne's dabbled in rock music, and a while back Nelly mentioned doing a rock album. Why do think rappers are so interested in the rock genre?

A We all grew up on rock music. In the '80s, I remember the radio stations would play everything from rock to rap.

And even if you go back to Run DMC, they said, "I'm the king of rock" because rock was the hard-core stuff. When you put the guitars on your music it makes it a little bit more harder (and) I think that's part of it.

And then we all wanted to be rock stars in the early days. We wanted to be rap stars, but the rock stars had the crazy lifestyle. And for me, it was the energy of rock music.

I grew up on punk music, too. I was into the Ramones, Bad Brains, all of that, when I was in high school.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jesse James files papers against ex-wife

Jesse James has filed legal papers against his ex-wife, Janine Lindemulder, TMZ.com reports. In the documents, which are unproved, James alleges Lindemulder was once driving under the influence with their daughter in the car. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tokyo Police Club fights on

Retired 'buzz band' had fun making new album Champ

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There's a fine line between buzz and hype. No band knows this better than Tokyo Police Club.

After taking the indie rock community by storm in 2006 with their debut EP, A Lesson In Crime, the Newmarket-bred/Toronto-based four-piece found themselves trying to battle the overwhelming hype that came with their first full-length with 2008's Elephant Shell.

Though it was a solid album, the band's decision to subdue the frenetic nature of their EP and ripen their songwriting skills caught many people off guard. "Going into Elephant Shell, we had never made a full record and as such had no idea how much time it would take to write and record one," admits singer/bassist David Monks. "Plus we had sparse time between tours and three weeks to make the record. We all put a higher price on time off now. The tours are still gonna be there."

The hectic experience prepared the band for when it came time to make their second album with producer Rob Schnapf (Elliott Smith, Beck). Titled Champ, Monks says the pressure was off now, especially because they had retired from their "buzz band" tenure.

"Champ was fun. We just did whatever felt good and didn't worry about things. When we were writing it we were at home and there wasn't all of this anticipation. There wasn't a build up with this album, which left us in a good headspace. I think we all consider Elephant Shell to be our sophomore record, so with this one there wasn't any of the 'second record' stress."

Champ is the new album from Tokyo Police Club.

Listeners may not hear a monumental leap in the band's sound on Champ, but the extra time they took to make cleared up any confusion there may have been about the type of music Tokyo Police Club were making.

"The whole writing process of Champ was less self-aware than Elephant Shell," explains Monks. "We felt like we didn't have a sound we needed to fit into. With Elephant Shell, I think we fell back on that."

Instead of trying to live up to the multifarious genre tags and descriptors the music received after their debut (Monks singles out "laser guitars" as a laughable favourite), Tokyo Police Club realized the wisest thing they could do was stay faithful to their own brand of fizzy indie rock. Champ is a testament to this consciousness.

Add Monks, "The reality is, when you find that new style or sound, whatever it is, half the people out there are still just going to say it sounds like 'good ol' TPC!' Music is a funny thing."

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	522	506	44 HIS	Ice Road Truckers (CC)		Nostradamus Effect (CC)		Jurassic Fight Club (CC)		Ancient Discoveries (CC)		Ice Pilots
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	261	394	102 V	Life and Times-Mandela		Five Roads to Freedom		The Tunnel ★★★ (2001) Heino Ferch, Nicolette Krebitz. (CC)				Paid Program
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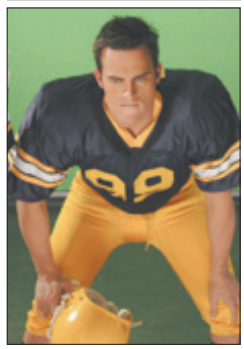
30 Rock
As the crew welcomes the new cast member, Tracy and Jenna (Tracy Morgan, Jane Krakowski) rethink how they treat Kenneth (Jack McBrayer). Jack (Alec Baldwin) offers Liz (Tina Fey) a talk show, but Jenna urges her to explore all her other options before committing. Scott Adsit and Judah Friedlander also star in "The Problem Solvers." Cheyenne Jackson guest stars. 9:30 PM on NBC, 9:30 PM on CITY



100 Questions
Charlotte (Sophie Winkleman) tries to attract the attention of a guy she's interested in. Mike (Christopher Moynihan) continues his attempts to scare Leslie (Smith Cho). Jill (Collette Wolfe) asks a reluctant Wayne (David Walton) to speak to her class for Career Day. Michael Benjamin Washington also stars in the new episode "Are You Romantic?" 8:30 PM on NBC CITY

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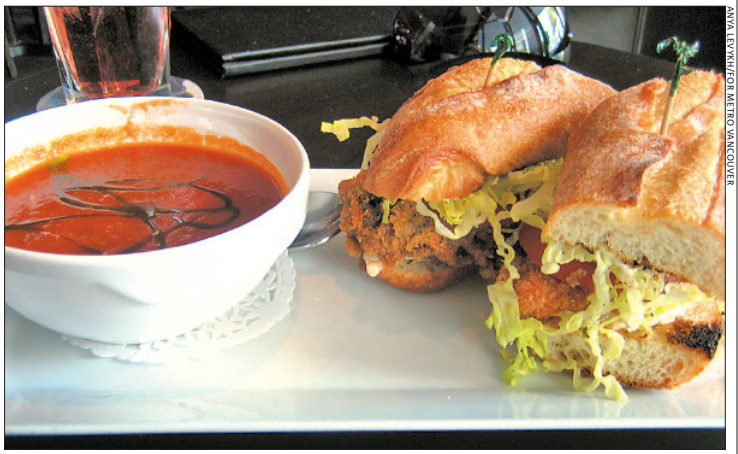

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Oyster po' boy with roasted tomato soup.

It was a dark and stormy night, and fittingly, we had tickets for Puccini. It was decided that some hearty gastropub fare would be most welcome pre-show.

I had already done a quick run-by of the recently redone Relish Gastropub and the new menu, and was eager to try more. The new chef, Patchen Gallagher, is a DIY enthusiast, and likes to cure his own gravlax, grind his own meats, and troll the local markets for fresh produce. Besides, when words like duck fat, gnocchi poutine and oyster po' boy get bandied about with enthusiasm, the buds start to salivate.

The room is small, low-ceilinged, and panelled in dark wood and tile, with comfortable seating and music that's just retro enough — Beatles, James Brown — to be interesting. The menu is equally small, but is well thought out. The wine list has some kitschy by-the-glass selections like Fast Bastard and Arrogant Frog, as well as some stronger choices, like the Joie Rosé. A nice find is a bottle of Chateau Roquetaillade Bordeaux for $50.

Almost half of the menu is devoted to cheeses and charcuterie, at fairly reasonable prices. For $4 you can get an ounce of anything, or you can do a three-for-$10 deal. The house-cured gravlax is rich and oily, and the smoked duck breast is matched perfectly with a sweet pomegranate relish. Beef carpaccio — also house-cured — is a little heavily sauced for my taste, but beautifully presented. I also discovered there is a buck-a-shuck special on fresh oysters every day between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Score.

The rest of the menu is made up of elevated pub grub selections like tourtière ($15), shepherd's pie ($15) and gnocchi poutine ($10). We started with the goat cheese brulée ($10), which was a bit confusing. Served over a bed of cranberry in a ramekin, this was a tasty spread, but where was the "brulée?" The accompanying "herbed" toast points were no such thing, which left me wondering why they just didn't call it "baked goat cheese with toasted bread" and save us the disappointment of expecting something else.

Duck fat "steak frites" ($6) were large, herbed potato wedges that, although tasty, felt more roasted than fried, with no discernible flavour or hint of duck fat. The deep-fried oysters ($3 each), however, were large and delicious, and worth going back for.

What then ensued was one of the longest waits that I have ever experienced. There was only one other table occupied at the time, a couple, so our table of three didn't seem like such a heavy burden. However, it took over 35 minutes for our mains to appear. A simple "sorry for the wait" from our server would have gone a long way, but it wasn't until I had looked at my watch three times, wondered aloud in her presence about the food, and finally asked point-blank when the damn plates would arrive that she mentioned they were about to plated.

Mini lamb burgers ($7) were good from every angle. The braised cheeks melted in the mouth, the buns were soft and fresh, and the mint aioli and dijon chevre were present in just the right amount. A chicken cordon bleu ($15) was also a nice choice, but the gnocchi poutine ($10) was hugely disappointing. Although the cheese curds were authentic, with the right amount of squeak, the gnocchi were heavy and dense, instead of light and pillowy, and the red wine demi glace that took the place of the gravy was reduced almost to the point of burning, leaving a slightly smoky aftertaste.

Another visit saw me trying the oyster po' boy ($15). This was a vast improvement and came with a roasted tomato soup drizzled with basil oil that was rich, flavourful, and left a subtle hint of heat on the tongue. The service was also much improved, so one can hope the other night was a fluke.

Relish is definitely on the right track with its food program, and Chef Gallagher is obviously enthusiastic about what he's putting out. A few small tweaks and this neighbourhood pub can definitely be a place to "relish."

On the web

- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.
- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.

Canadians dining out more than last year

RESTAURANTS Canadians are starting to dine out a little more often, after tightening their belts and hanging onto their wallets when the economy was sluggish.

Restaurant traffic grew modestly in the first quarter of 2010, up 2.3 per cent compared to the same period one year ago, the market research company NPD Group said yesterday.

The rebound comes after four quarters of weakness, it said.

The findings are derived from a tracking service that monitors consumer purchases of commercially prepared meals and snacks.

Quick-service restaurants had a three per cent gain, while casual dining and retail was up two per cent and the family-mid-scale category of restaurants was up by one per cent, NPD Group said.

During the recession, the company said offers of special deals were a primary tool used by restaurant operators to bring in customers.

But although restaurant traffic increased, the average amount spent per visit experienced a slight decline of 1.3 per cent in the quarter compared to a year ago, NPD said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

New releases

With summer fast approaching, and the barbecues warming up, it's time to think about what to pair with those freshly grilled hamburgers and ribs. Columbia Crest's Two Vines Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 from Washington State is a light, fruit-forward choice, with a palate of cherries, strawberries and cola. $12.99 at BCLS.

Dining out

REFUEL YOUR PICNIC Refuel (1944 West 4 Ave.) has added a summer fried chicken picnic to their takeout menu. Get three, six or 12 pieces of cold buttermilk-fried Polderside chicken, housemade biscuits, sides like potato salad or watermelon, and soda, plus biodegradable cutlery and napkins. $18 per person; $35 per couple; or $68 per family. Call 604-288-7905.

FRIDAY BRUNCH Twisted Fork (1147 Granville St.) is now open for Friday brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All brunch mains are $11 and include banana-stuffed brioche French toast, gruyere baked eggs, bacon and brie frittata, croque monsieur, eggs benny and more. Call 604-568-0749.

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In brief

SMOKING DOG Pascal Georges, former chef at The Smoking Dog Bistro under the late Jean-Claude Ramond, has returned to the nest, and brought a new menu with him. Here's to going back to the French basics.

AWARDS Yew Restaurant & Bar at The Four Seasons Hotel has won Best Hotel Dining & Bar at the Where Vancouver Magazine Annual Dining Awards. Congratulations to a very talented team! ANYA LEVYKH/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

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What choo choo talkin' bout, Willis?
Gary Coleman's ashes will be spread around some train tracks according to the actor's ex-wife. Us Weekly reports Shannon Price told Entertainment Tonight the child actor loved trains. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

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LINDSAY LOHAN doesn't like the news coverage she's getting, **NICOLE RICHIE** is showing off, and **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** is looking forward to his birthday.

@lindsaylohan it just sucks when nothing positive about how great i'm feeling and happy i am is being reported
@nicolerichie My fake british accent is in full effect tonight!
@ActuallyNPH Hey, found out my birthday is the day after Real Housewife of NJ's Danielle Staub's sex tape is released. Um, no need to get me any gifts...

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Bail for Lindsay doubles after SCRAM violation

AND WORK OFFERS DISAPPEAR Lindsay Lohan's SCRAM alcohol-monitoring bracelet got her in trouble Tuesday with a judge who doubled the actress' bail to $200,000.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel determined Lohan violated the terms of her release after a closed-door meeting with the actress' attorney and a prosecutor. Revel did not detail the violation, but said her decision was made after receiving "results" issued by a court-ordered alcohol monitor.

District Attorney's spokeswoman Shiara Davila-Morales said it was an "alcohol-related violation," but did not have further details.

A source familiar with Lohan's case told The Associated Press that the violation was reported after the Mean Girls star appeared at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday night.

Lohan was not present in court Tuesday, but several denials of wrongdoing were posted on the actress' Twitter account shortly before and after the hastily called hearing.

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Heidi files for legal separation

SUPPORTED THROUGH IT ALL BY HER LOYAL MTV CAMERA CREW Heidi Montag headed to the Santa Monica courthouse to make her separation from husband Spencer Pratt official, according to TMZ. But despite the legal paperwork, some of the couple's Hills co-stars aren't buying it. "I just don't think that their (split) is real," Lo Bosworth tells Hollyscoop. Whitney Port agrees, saying, "It seems that a lot that they do is a P.R. brewing."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ladies who lunched

LIGHTLY. VERY, VERY LIGHTLY Courteney Cox is dishing on Jennifer Aniston's favourite dish, claiming her Friends co-star ate the same salad every day for 10 years. "We always had the same thing — a Cobb salad," she tells the Los Angeles Times of their daily lunch breaks. "But it wasn't really a Cobb salad. It was a Cobb salad that Jennifer doctored up with turkey bacon and garbanzo beans and I don't know what. She just has a way with food, which really helps. Because if you're going to eat the same salad every day for 10 years, it'd better be a good salad, right?"

METRO WORLD NEWS

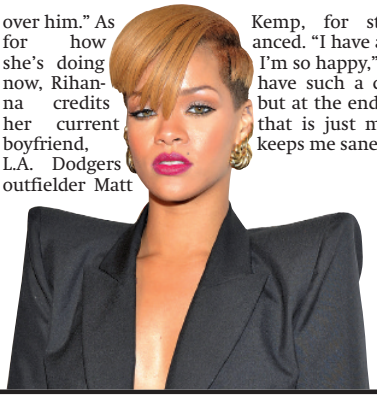
Bodyguard sues Britney for sexual harassment

MY, HOW THE SEXY HAVE FALLEN A former bodyguard for Britney Spears is suing the pop singer for sexual harassment, claiming that her walking around naked in front of him made for an unpleasant work environment, according to Hollyscoop. "She was always giving him the come on and he felt if he didn't reciprocate he could lose his job. He finally handed in his notice last week," a friend of Fernando Flores, the former employee, says. "Working for Britney is tough. She's a nightmare to deal with and her emotions are totally out of control. She runs around the house naked and yelling at staff."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Rihanna talks relationships

AND NOT JUST WITH MADONNA'S STYLE CIRCA 1986 Rihanna is opening up about her love life, including how the violent end to her relationship with Chris Brown made her feel. "A year ago, I was very confused. Because he was my best friend," she tells Elle magazine. "All of a sudden, one night changed our whole lives — not only our friendship, but our lives. I wanted to wake up one day and just not have that pain anymore. I wanted to be with him again or get over him." As for how she's doing now, Rihanna credits her current boyfriend, L.A. Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp, for staying balanced. "I have a boyfriend. I'm so happy," she says. "I have such a chaotic life, but at the end of the day, that is just my peace. It keeps me sane, really."



METRO WORLD NEWS

Police: King's wife attempted overdose

PRIVATE PAIN A spokesman for Larry King said yesterday that the talk-show host's wife is recovering after an apparent prescription drug overdose last month in Utah.

Emergency medical workers were called to Shawn King's home in Provo on May 28. Her father dialed 911 after finding the 50-year-old woman in her bed, breathing but not responding when he tried to wake her, according to a transcript of the emergency call, which was released through an open-records request yesterday.

Karl Engemann told the dispatcher that he thought she may have taken too much medication for anxiety or depression. Officers who responded to the call found several prescription bottles, including Ambien and anti-anxiety medication, that had been filled within 10 days but were empty, according to a police report. It also said there was a handwritten note that indicated she had taken the pills intentionally.

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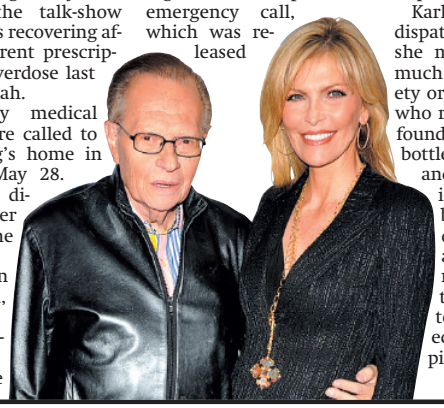

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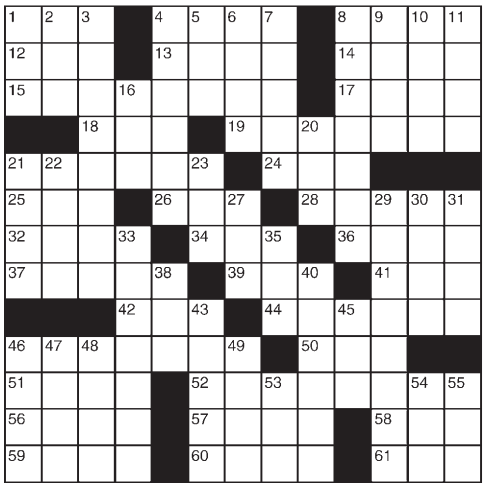

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	2		3		1		7	
7								5
		5	9		7	3		
	6		4	9	2		3	
	4						1	
	5		1	7	6		8	
		6	5		9	8		
9								2
	3		6		8		9	

ACROSS

1 Space
4 Do laps in the pool
8 Four-star review
12 Swelled head
13 2003 Derby-winning horse, Funny —
14 Eastern potentate
15 Potential mountain?
17 "So be it"
18 End of a school's URL
19 Becomes jaundiced
21 Bogart's love
24 Dine
25 Eggs
26 Menagerie
28 Coffee plus chocolate
32 Gives permission
34 Paid player
36 Map line
37 Welles or Bean
39 Tavern
41 Cover
42 Occupation
44 Vestibules
46 Heat-related
50 School-day transport
51 Stead
52 Act out a character
56 Smell
57 Active one
58 Pub order
59 Teller's partner
60 Revue segment
61 Triumph

DOWN

1 Jewel
2 Past
3 Skunks
4 Charlie Brown's creator
5 Xbox 360 competitor
6 Without doing anything
7 Big brawl
8 One with a lot to sell?
9 BBs et al.
10 Panorama
11 Sea flock
16 Author LeShan
20 Felon's flight
21 Philippine knife
22 State with certainty
23 Cut off
27 Scepter topper
29 Picnic side dish
30 Barber's concern
31 Tosses in
33 Temporary stay
35 Lummox
38 Postal Creed word
40 Burns or Frost
43 Hitchcock "villains"
45 "Uh-huh"
46 Hoofbeat sound
47 Staffer
48 Russell or Redbone
49 Diner employee
53 Mainlander's memento
54 "The Greatest"
55 Longing

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7	8	3	1	2	4	6	5	9
1	9	6	8	5	7	2	4	3
6	5	1	4	3	2	7	9	8
3	7	9	5	8	6	4	1	2
8	4	2	7	1	9	3	6	5

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Honey Seared Salmon Sandwich with Apple Poppy Seed Slaw

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES
INGREDIENTS:
1 cup cored and matchstick cut fennel, about 1/2 medium bulb, plus 2-tablespoons chopped fronds
1 celery stalk, thinly sliced crosswise
1/2 Granny Smith apple, cored and matchstick cut
1/4 cup sour cream
2 tbsp cider vinegar
1 tbsp plus 1 tsp honey
1 tsp poppy seeds
1 tsp lemon zest
2 tsp lemon juice
4 (5oz) salmon fillets
1 tbsp olive oil
4 slices focaccia, cut to size of salmon fillets or slices of sourdough bread

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high and arrange rack 8 inches from broiler. Line a rimmed sheet pan with foil and set aside.
2. Combine the fennel, celery and apple in a bowl and set aside. In a small jar with a tight fitting lid, combine sour cream, cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon honey, poppy seeds, lemon zest and juice. Cover with lid and shake until well blended. Pour sour cream mixture over fennel mixture and stir to thoroughly coat.
3. Brush olive oil over salmon, season generously with salt and pepper and transfer to prepared sheet pan. Drizzle remaining 1 tablespoon honey over tops of fillets, place under broiler and cook until opaque in centre, about 5 minutes. Toast bread while salmon is cooking and transfer to plates. Place slaw on top of bread and arrange salmon on top.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You cannot keep your thoughts and feelings hidden indefinitely — at some stage you are going to have to come clean with friends and family.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
We all make mistakes so don't be so hard on yourself. By all means learn lessons from what has gone wrong but be positive about what lies ahead.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Refuse to let anyone, no matter how well intentioned, make decisions for you. Today you will see with the utmost clarity what needs to be done. So do it.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You will have to make some tough decisions today but you are not the sort to avoid something just because it's unpleasant.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
There are certain issues that get you worked up and eager to make changes and one such issue will dominate your thoughts today.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Cosmic activity on and around the midheaven angle of your chart encourages you to be more ambitious.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Focus your energies in one particular direction today. If you try to do too much you will spread yourself too thin.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Watch what you say over the next 24 hours because if you say too much it could cost you dear. Certain information has been given to you in confidence.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You need to find a new way of dealing with an old problem. You are more likely to succeed if you seek advice from people you trust.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There are some dramatic developments taking place in your world but for the most part they will leave you untouched.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
The pen is mightier than the sword. True or false? It will certainly be true today. Reach out and make contact. Broadcast your vision to the world.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Casual conversations can sometimes lead to important discoveries. All you have to do is stay alert.

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